

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.	:	09/837,687	Confirmation No. 7848
Applicant	:	Paolo Palmas et al.	
Filed	:	April 18, 2001	
TC/A.U.	:	1764	
Examiner	:	Alexa D. Neckel	
Docket No.	:	105345	
Customer No.	:	23490	

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office action mailed June 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.